THE WEATHER On Christmas day was warm and The mercury went up as high as 64, and in has many persons in the city availed themthe spring-like temperature and sat out ir porches. On Sunday the weather in the as mild and rainy; in the evening it was ar, and at night there was a heavy windorin. The weather yesterday was varia-Very early in the day it was mild and threatshout 9 o'clock it turned cooler; later it ared off, and the mercury fell steadily until mid-At night it was cool, cloudy, and threatening. Easter of Thermometer at the Dispatch office December 27, 1875.

December 26, 1874. erature: 42%.

THE WEATHER To-DAY .- The probabilities are that it will be partly cloudy.

LOCAL MATTERS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN. A meeting of the Board of Aldermen was

held in the Council chamber yesterday after--President John A. Meredith in the char. Present at roll-call : Messrs, Beall, carrington, Lipscomb, Scott, Smith, Spanendang, Tanner, Todd, Vandervall, and Wagner-11.

STREETS GENERALLY.

Mr. Todd, from the Committee on Streets salmitted the following joint resolutions: Resolved (the Common Council concur-That the sum of one hundred thousand follars in eight per cent, bonds of the city of Richmond, having thirty-four years to run, e, and the same is hereby, appropriated, the proceeds of which shall be expended in ding ungraded streets. Provided, First, that the interest on said

bonds shall from year to year be deducted from the annual appropriation to street improvements. Second. That no bonds under authority

of this resolution shall be issued prior to Vebruary I, 1876, and not more than twenany one year thereafter.

rearbing, or improving streets where sidewalks or curbing now exist, or streets are streets are properly graded and gravelled. was laid on the table. Resolved (the Common Council concur-

ring). That the sum of \$110.50 be, and the same is hereby, appropriated from the conangent fund to reimburse James Hartley for curbing done in front of his property on ouisium street, under authority of section 45, chapter 34 (old volume city ordinances) which was of full effect at that date, but which has since been repealed by the operation of the enacting and repealing ordinance (chapter 72, new volume), approved January 15, 1875. Agreed to.

Resolved (the Common Council concur

ring). That for the purpose of simplifying and facilitating the operations of the street department to the end of the fiscal year, and to equalize the various funds under their costrol, the Auditor of the city be, and he is hereby, directed to transfer the balances remaining to the credit of the account of hands and carts, of the account of roller and crusher, and of the account of sewer connections, and consolidate them into the account of streets generally.

The Auditor is further empowered to pay the pay-rolls of the hands and earts and foller and crusher from the account of streets gun. In removing a piece of slate it splingenerally, thus consolidated. Adopted. This resolution was adopted in lieu of the first resolution of the Committee on Finance, as below.]

Mr. Scott, from the Committee on Finance. submitted the following resolutions: Resolved (the Common Council concur ring). That the City Auditor be, and is hereby, instructed to consolidate the following accounts-viz: Hands and carts and roller and crusher pay-rolls, &c., bands and carts, roller and crusher; there being a deficit in the first and a surplus in each of the two latter of these accounts, as shown by the Auditor's last monthly statement. On motion of Mr. Todd, the resolution

of the Committee on Streets was adopted in

Resolved (the Common Council concurring), That the City Auditor be, and is hereby, | waylaid and killed. istructed to transfer from the account of discount and interest to the account of grounds and buildings \$20; to the account of Shockoe Bell cemetery \$20, and to the account of chain-gang \$30. Agreed to. The committee also say : The Auditor reports a deficit of \$125 in the account of Engineer's Department pay-rolls, which is occasioned by an increase in the pay of the

year; and the committee recommend the plexy. adoption of the following resolution relative Resolved (the Common Council concuring). That it is inexpedient to make provision for a deficit of \$125 in the account of

Engineer's Department pay-rolls reported some difficulty extinguished. the Auditor the 20th December, 1875. Laid on the table.

CLAIMS AND SALADIES.

Mr. Forrester, from the Committee on Claims and Salaries, presented a joint resolution for the payment of the claims of Dr. William H. Taytor, coronec, and others, amounting to \$188.50. Agreed to.

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS. reported that no definite proposition having of the Mayo-Street synagogue. been made to purchase, or request for donation of said property, the committee deem | terdsg morning. further action unnecessary. The report was

zeceived. FROM THE COMMON COUNCIL. Common Council joint resolution trans-

ment of James River was taken up by the o'clock. E ard and concurred in. Common Council joint resolution for the

Common Council preamble and joint policeman arrested as many as twenty resolution to relation to retuse from the Ga-Works passing lato James river was taken up by the Board and concurred in, Common Council joint resolution for the

DAILY DISPARCH.

RICHMOND, VA., TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28, 1875.

last two days, daugerous both to life and | OBSERVANCE OF CHRISTMAS. property, and injurious to the peace and

morals of our community. The resolution was discussed at length by Messrs. Wagner, Carrington, Scott, Manly, and others, and was finally referred to the Committee on Ordinances.

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By Mr. Spangenburg: A resolution looking to the removal of the framed buildings adjacent to the free bridge, which endanger the safety of the bridge. Referred. Adjourned.

Chamber of Commerce.

MOVEMENT IN FAVOR OF QUICK MAIL FACILI-TIES .- PETITION FOR A NEW RAIL ROUTE TO

A called meeting of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce was held yesterday evening at 5 o'clock. Mr. E. O. Nolting, in the absence of the president (General Anderson), called the meeting to order, and stated that its object was to receive a communication from the pilots of Virginia in regard to amendments to and modifications of the existing pilot laws of the State.

The communication was then read, and upon motion of Mr. Blankenship referred to the Committee on Outward Trade.

Mr. Potts then offered the following: "This city for years past has been deprived the use of the Potomac river boats in connection with the day trains. Mails from New York do not reach the Richmond postoffice before 1:45 P. M., and do not reach the merchants before 2:30 the day after mailing. Mails from the National Capital arrive at the same time--all too late for busi-

ness that day; therefore be it Resolved, That the Chamber of Commerce, through its president and secretary, ask the General Assembly of Virginia for a charter to run a railroad from the city of Richmond to Washington city, in the District of Columbia.

Resolved, further, That a committee of three be appointed by the president of the Chamber of Commerce to secure the signatures of our merchants and manufacturers, bankers, capitalists, and others interested in the welfare of our city and favorable to said railroad. Resolved, further, That our senators and

representatives in the General Assembly be requested to aid us in procuring the desired charter. Upon motion of Mr. Blankenship the reso-

lutions were adopted. Mr. Potts then offered the following reso-

Resolved, That the Secretary of this Champer be requested to communicate with the "Bureau of Statistics of the Treasury Department of the United States," and ask, for the use of this Chamber, copies of existing tariff of duties with foreign countries doing business with the United States. Adopted.

Mr. Childrey offered a resolution that the secretary be instructed to request the Governor to furnish the Chamber of Commerce with copies of the public documents of the State for this and the past year. The resolution was adopted, and upon motion the Board adjourned at 6 o'clock.

ATTEMPT TO BREAK PRISON-CHRISTMAS EXPLOIT OF FOUR PENITENTIARY CONVICTS .-Sunday night between seven and eight tr-five thousand dollars shall be issued in o'clock James, Albert, and Zias Batton, three That no portion of this appropria- have to serve eighteen years in the peniten- The decorations were all that good taste tiary for the murder of their lather Robert Hogan, horse-thief, of Bedford and trious hands could make. Roanoke counties, serving out various sennow properly graded, until all unimproved tences, amounting in the aggregate to fifty- issue of Christmas-day were fully carried On motion of Mr. Todd, the resolution tentiary. They occupied a cell on the third St. Mark's, and the other churches, there the amount paid by him in August, 1874, for fabricated a rope from loose pieces of rope found about the premises, shoe-thread, &c. They cut a hole through the ceiling of their cell, and mounting upon their bunks easily enough managed to climb into the top loft. They then began to move along the top loftthat is, between the ceiling and the roof-towards the front of the building. They cut through them all. At last, about 7 o'clock Sunday night, they stood at the end of that building, and near to the front wall of the institution. All they had to do was to cut through the roof, get upon the roof, fix their rope, and lower themselves down

time on the bell. So the pris pers went to work at the roof. It was sufficient to remove three or four services. pieces of slate. But there their ill-luck betered and a fragment of it fell to the ground with a loud crash. The unusual noise attracted the attention of Captain Morgan W. Strother and Mr. Parater. It was so dark they could not see the small hole made in amine the cells strictly, and when the cell of the Battons was searched the prisoners had were admirably well executed. returned there, knowing their plans had been discovered, and all their instruments were brought from the places in which they

were hid. James and Albert Batton and Hogan then made a confession. The brothers Batton declared that Zias had no lot or part in the attempt, but they were not believed, and all four were placed in dark cells. James and Albert always declared that Zias had nothing and dwelt among us." to de with the murder of their father. He was in the cart at the time the old man was the elaborate decorations. It seemed a reali-

Sudden Dears. On Sunday night Nat. the pine tree, and the box together, to beau-Haynes, a colored man, aged about forty- tify the place of my sanctuary." But cold of Oakwood cemetery \$65; to the account four years, and who lived at No. 206 west utilitarians cavil and object to the waste Broad street, retired in his usual health and of time and energy. Utilitarianism in spiritslept with Jackson Phillips. About 4 ual matters originated with Judas. "There o'clock yesterday morning Jackson was is mockery in the love that can be reckoned." awakened by a slap in his face, and turning Love for Christ twined these garlands and over found that Haynes had a spasm. He gave the alarm, but almost as soon as he got Engineer's assistant made during this fiscal up Nat. was dead. No inquest. Cause-apo-

> Fires .- Saturday night a rocket was fired through a window of the residence of Mrs. Loving, on Clay near Gilmer streets. A bed was set on fire, and the flames were with Alarms of fire were also sounded from

> neither case was there any damage done. PERSONAL .- Governor Kemper will -not seturn to the city until the last of the week. Judge Hughes transacted some bankruptcy business yesterday. He will leave the city

to-day. Captain D. W. Bohonen will on the eve-Mr. Tanner, from the Committee on ping of the 16th of January deliver a locture Grounds and Buildings, &c., to whom was stdeyy's Hall on the "kefluence of Hebrew telerred the memorial of W. H. Haxall and Literature on Civilization." The proceeds others as to the enlargement of Hollywood, will be for the cenefit of the Sabbath school Speaker Hanger returned to the city mes-

COUNCIL COMMITTEES .- There will be an the eternity of Christ. Nay, "The Word adjourned meeting of the Committees on was with God." Hence the mysterious in-Finance, Water, and Grounds and Buildings, simution of a plurality of persons in the one faring \$1,600 to the account of improve- at the Council chamber this evening at 5

COMMENDABLE EFFORT.-In Captain C. H. Taylor, goroner, and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and others, was taken up by the Rosel taylor, ground and ground and taylor, ground and taylor, ground and taylor, ground and gro beyment of the clauss of Dr. William H. Epps's district on Suggay, in the effort to noises [meaning blowing of tin-horns] one Christ divine attributes and works are policeman arrested as many as twenty per- ascribed. For Christ divine homage and for some time at the corner of Twenty-second dered this favorite composition. At the of ascribed. For Christ divine homage and for some time at the corner of Twenty-second dered this favorite composition. At the of ascribed. BOILS.

> Masons paraded yesterday, and in the after- assumed and asserted with a definiteness, noon were addressed at the Second (co'ored) and precision, and frequency which can leave Baptist church by Rev. W. B. Derrick, of the Third-Street Methodist church. The mission of Co

"almighty to save."

SERVICES IN THE CHURCHES-PRESENTS TO PASTORS-AC-CIDENTS AND INCIDENTS-OTHER ITEMS.

Christmas was no doubt happily yet anything but quietly observed in Richmond. The revelry was commenced Friday night by the firing of rockets, popping of crackers, and blowing of tin-borns, and was continued through Saturday, and late into Saturday night. If the amount of noise made may be taken as a gauge of the bappiness of the populace, then, indeed, the bliss

of poor people was exquisite, On Broad and Main streets, on Saturday particularly, the sound was as of the musketry of two contending armies, sometimes declining to a surly roar, then grandly swelling, as if the lines were closing up and every man was using his ammunition, then again dring out until the "pop," "pop," made exact imitations of the shots of skirmishers. The big crackers vibrated the air, and made the noise of the heaviest field artillery, Added to them, in many localities, were of quick mail facilities from the North by small cannon that, in days not long by gone, were wont to arouse the politicians. and gave enthusiasm to ward meetings. Not only boys of tender age, but men who bad arrived at the years of discretion joined the saturnalia and seemed to enjoy it well. There were quite a number of accidents. great and small, but the wonder is that there

were not more. Steaming bowls of punch and foaming glasses of egg-nog tempted many a wayfaring-sinner to drink, not wisely, but too much. The feeling of exhibaration was very wide-spread. Men of moderate means felt and talked like millionaires. No more they dreaded the earthquake. Forgotten were hard times. Indifferent were they of the future. Jubilation reigned supreme, and drove away all dull cares and miseries. They were the sort of fellows that proclaimed

Christmas comes but once a year, Let's enjoy it while 'tis here.

But for the fair reputation of our city, it may be said, there were no great excesses committed. Those who fell beneath the oad they were carrying were "gathered in by friends or policemen, and slumbered peacefully and unconsciously while the battle was raging around them. Many of these found themselves before the Police Court yesterday morning. Their heavy-looking eyes, aching heads, and despairing looks pleaded their cause better than the tongue of the most eloquent advocate could have done, and the Police Justice being merciful and remembering the season. let them off with the minimum penalty of law. And the newspapers, in tender consideration of their feelings, lay aside their rule and omit their names and doings from the

court proceedings. The weather Saturday was not altogether favorable for church-goers, but yet the congregations were quite large. In the sancturies that quiet that seemed expelled from other places in the city was found. The neighborhoods of the churches were not invaded by the fiends of the tin-horns.

The scenes in the Episcopal and Catholic brothers, of Princess Anue county, who churches were interesting and imposing. could suggest and loving care and indus-

The programmes foreshadowed in our four years, attempted to break out the peni- out. At the Monumental, St. Pauls, Grace, tier, west of the hospital, and for many was elegant music-such music as is gaining weeks past had been preparing for their for Richmond an enviable reputation. It grand effort for liberty. Little by little they only remains for us to notice some Christcollected tools to cut through the brick walls, | mas services not heretofore fully mentioned, and at odd times, nights and Sundays, and to add a few notes of occurrences Sunday and yesterday.

ST. JOHN'S (EPISCOPAL).

This venerable and renowned church edifice was filled with a large audience on Christmas morning who seemed delighted with the services appropriate to the occasion. The decorations were unusually pretty, and encountered four parapet walls, each of about received favorable comments from those twelve inches in thickness, and managed to present. On each side of the pulpit, in evergreen, were the mottoes : " The Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which is abundance of the good things, and none were lost," and "The Son of Man was manifested overlooked by the efficient committee. The that he might destroy the D v.l." In another portion of the church, worked in evergreen and handsomley executed, were a cross and from the front wall. They doubtless hoped an anchor with the word "Jesus" between to go over when the guard was at the further the two. In the east corner was a "star" end of his beat, or when he was striking the made by gas jets, which was very pretty. The old church was admirably dressed, and the ladies deserve praise for their faithful

Too much cannot be said of the excellent music on the occasion, which was indeed fine, and won warm expressions for the small but select choir of the church. The opening piece was "Shout the Glad Tidings;" the glorias were from Bialla, the Te Deum by Lloyd, a Jubilate Deo from Thomas, and the the roof, but the men were instructed to exoffertory, "Hark! what mean those holy
amine the cells strictly, and when the cell of voices," from S. P. Warren; all of which

The sermon on the occasion was one of ability and elequence. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Weddell, was in good voice and spirits, and was listened to with deep attention. He announced as his text the words of St. John, found in the 1st chapter, 1st and 14th verses: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the word was God.

The speaker opened with an allusion to Lebanon shall come unto thee; the fir tree, never paused to inquire us commercial value.

The quietness of the Saviour's coming stands in surprising contrast with the meaning and results of that coming. No thun-Rome cast their shadows in a hush of peace. contrast. The birthday of that wonderchild stands a red letter on the calendar. Stations 17 and 3, caused by fire-crackers. In Perchance we are running now into the opphasizing the day. Christmas-tide is baptized with a kind of universal sentimentalism. We are, therefore, tempted to forget

> He come? The text describes Christ as the Word, a term by which the Greeks were wont to express any revelation from God to man. In regard to His personal word there are certain predicates, each supplementing the other, and developing to a wondrous climax. 'In the beginning was the Word." Hence godhead. Nay more, the intimation grows autos directanoouncement, "And the Word

was God," The Divinity of Christ accepted, and then Colored Masons.—The colored ledges of of Common Prayer the delty of Jesus is them, "Adeste Fidelis." Vespers and ben-

be taught that because He is God He is awakened the liveliest feelings of apprecia-LEIGH-STREET BAPTIST SUNDAY-FCHOOL CHRIST-

MAS CELEBRATION. -The anniversary celebration of Leighthe church, and attracted a very large audience. Mr. Miles Turpin, superinten-

dent of the school, presided. The choir of the church and the Sunday school opened the exercises by singing the beautiful song of "Ring, Ring the Belle," after which a fervent prayer was offered by

Mr. Gathright. "Bright Zion," a favorite song, was exe cuted in admirable style by the audience; and the superintendent then announced that

the annual reports would be read. The secretary (Mr. F. R. Butler) presented full and elaborate report, embracing statistics from 1854 to the present time, from which we compile the following interesting

Amount Collected. Conversions \$205 45 854 47 438 31 416 54 841 86 1871..... 1872.... Total..... \$1.756 23 146

Number of Scholars and Teachers. In 1874, number of officers and teachers on roll, 59; in 1875, 62-increase, 3. In 1874, number of scholars, 450; in 1875 430 - decrease, 20.

Average attendance of officers and teachers 1874, 52; in 1875, 55-increase over 1874, 3. Average attendance of scholars for 1874, 389-861 per cent.; for 1875, 340-79 per cent.; decrease of scholars, 49.

Maximum of scholars May 31, 1874 475. May 16, 1875, 420. Decrease in 1875 of 55 scholars. Number of church members in school in 1874, 225; in 1875, 205. Decrease of 20.

Percentage of church members in school to roll in 1875, 414. Largest monthly average for 1874, 435 for 1875, 410.

Conversions in school during 1874, 51 during 1875, 25. Number of deaths during 1874, 3; during 1875, 1.

Treasurer's Report.

Mr. E. S. Turpin, treasurer, in his report states that the balance in the treasury December 25, 1875, was \$103.78; collections to date, December 25, 1875, \$341.86. Total \$445.64. Distursements during the year, is feared that not only his hand but his arm testimony of John the Biptist, by His own \$373.45—leaving a balance in the treasury of

Prizes.

The superintendent then read out a list of the scholars who were entitled to commenda tion for faithful and prompt attendance during the year, who received some valuable books and other presents as prizes. The following scholars were the lucky recipients : Maggie Ellett, E. J. Bradley, Florence Thacker, Mary Pitt, Marietta Bailey, Irene Atkinson, William Wilson, Charles H. Murray, Wellford Dean, Charles Philips, Mary Buchanan, William Campbell, William Miles M. B. Buchanan, Ella Gili, John Bradley Powell Arnold, Elizi Pitt, Mary Martin Martha Pitt, Maggie Haw, and eleven others whose names were not announced.

Speaking and Feasting. At this point the superintendent introduced Rev. W. E. Hatcher, who, in a most amusing style, entertained the very large au dience present for a short time with an ad-

dress on "Do the best you can," Rev. A. E. Dickinson also had a few words to say, and in alluding to the coming year hoped that Leigh-Street Sunday school in 1876 would far surpass its former usefulness and efficiency.

Rev. Mr. Garlick followed, relating an incident, and amusingly criticised some of Dr. Hatche,'s suggestions; but the latter came back on Mr. Garlick with a most happy and witty retort.

Feasting. After the speaking was over a committee entered the room bearing with them buge waiters ladened with paper-bags and presented each person in the room, big and little, with a Christmas gift. The bags contained a quantity of confections, which were gladly received by the audience. There was an choir and school then sung the "Sunday-School War-Cry," and the congregation dispersed much pleased at having spent such a happy Christmas morn. A meeting of the school will be held this evening to elect officers for the ensuing twelve months. THE CATHEDRAL.

The services at St. Peter's Christmas were as announced in this paper on that day. Father Janssens celebrated 5 o'clock highmass, during which he delivered a short discourse on the feast of the day.

The church was crowded at high pontifical mass, and the services were, as usual on such occasions, very solemn and impressive. Right Rev. Bishop Gibbons delivered an eloquent sermon, taking for his text, "The word was made flesh and dwelt amongst us." He said no presidential message was necessiry to announce to the Christian people of America that they were celebrating the birthday of their common Reedemer Jesus Christ. On that day, in the words of the prophet Malachi, "from the rising to the setting of the sun the name of God is great among the Gentiles, and in every place is offered to him a clean oblation," coming

from hearts overflowing with gratifude. The Bishop said that his discourse would be brief, as this was a day not so much for little ones. human preaching as for praise and prayer, zation of Isalah's prophecy; "The glory of and he thought it an intrusion to disturb by any words of his the divine barmony which was resounding in the hearts of his hearers. After dwelling for some time upon the mystery of the incarnation and the gratitude we owe God for His miraculous condescension in becoming man for us, he wished his congregation a happy Christmas, and proposed to them the most salutary and certain means of acquiring that blessed peace which Jesus

came to plant in the hearts of men. The music was grand on this occasion. Haydn's soul-stirring mass (No. 2) was given derbolts shake the towers of the world's with line effect. Indeed, it is sile to say palace. Jerusalem sits calm and white be- that it was the best music heard there for neath the starlight. The pillared temples of many a day. The Kyrie, Gloria, and Credo were well given, albeit there was an Quietly God is born a child. How great the occasional want of unanimity in the tempi between the orchestra and chorus, but this was owing, in great part, to the want of a director. The beautiful solo, posite extreme. Everybody, saint and sin- "Qui tollis," in the gloria, was rendered in ner, believer and infidel, runs riot in em- a masterly and artistic manner by Mr. A. T. Abernethy. It is a very defficult piece on account of the length of the measure, and Mr. Aternethy showed great skill and taste the great, and mysterious, and everlasting in giving it the proper phasing. For its suc-FACT which belongs to this day. Who is this cass great credit is due Mr. F. D. Newheiser, Jesus? What His nature? Whence did who performed so well the double task of cess great credit is due Mr. F. D. Newheiser,

playing the organ and directing. ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH (GERMAN). At St. Mary's church the observance of the festival was begun at 5 o'clock in the morning by the celebration of solemn mass, Rev. Father Benno being the celebrant, with Rev. Father Herman as descon, and Rev. Father Placidus as sub-deacon. Other masses followed at intervals, the morning Proceeds for the benefit of the church. services concluding with solemn mass by Father Herman, Fathers Benno and Piacidus acting as descon and sub-deacon. The fine. Peter's celebrated mass in D being well sung. The choir gave evidence of careconcluded the day's services.

PRESENTS TO PASTORS.

tion of the kindly remembrance.

On Friday night the members of Pine-The Services on Sunday-Additions Street Baptist church met at the church, and from thence went to the residence of the street Baptist Church Sunday school took pastor (Rev. J. B. Hutson), where each one

sion of the Earthquake, &c. place Christmas day in the lecture-room of present placed a "pound" package upon his table, very nearly crushing that piece of furniture under their weight. After a few minutes' conversation and a prayer by the worship on Sunday attested the truth of this paster for the blessing of God upon the church, the company dispersed. vices were attended with much interest, and The little children of the Sunday-school of where anything unusual occurred we noted the First Presbyterian church on Sunday the change.

morning presented to their pastor Hitchcock's Analysis of the Bible, a book of great value to the biblical student. Mr. Preston, in accepting the present, made a very elegant 11 o'clock Sunday on "The Visit of the Magi" to a fine congregation.

At night Mr. Steel preached on "the Mislittle address abounding in fine feeling and kindly advice. sion of the Earthquake," taking for his text the words of Zachariab, xivth chapter, 5th

Accidents and Incidents. Christmas day Policeman George Fox

pursued Walker Hill, a disorderly colored nan, into a house on Eighth street between of Juda." Main and Franklin streets, and followed him to the third story. Just as Mr. Fox was on the eve of closing with him the desperate man leaped from the window to the pavement to suggest the solemn lessons to be learned at once on his feat, and succeeded in entering a house forty yards distant, where he was almightiness; second, it should remind us of God's taken. Being unable to attend court he was bailed for his appearance as soon as his condition will permit.

On Christmas day Jimmie, son of Mr. Evan Ragland, while playing with a son of Mr. lead us to lay up our treasures in heaven. T. Hutcheson, was badly burnt on the hands by the premature explosion of a quan-

ity of powder. Susie, infant daughter of T. A. Chalkley, on Saturday fell from her brother's wagon

and fractured the bone of one arm. Joseph E. Dickerson, son of J. H. Dickerson, No. 1512 Franklin street, met with a preached at 11 A. M. by the pastor, Rev. H. very serious accident yesterday morning, from the explosion of a cannon he was firing

A son of Mr. Watkins, of Watkins & Cottrell, was badly hurt in the face by fire-

of a doctrine accepted as a truth by millions crackers on Christmas day. of professing Christians in the world, who On Christmas morning Master August vesterday celebrated with rejoicings the nativity of Jesus of Nazareth, he asserted that Moll, aged twelve years, son of Mr. J. A. Moll, who keeps a restaurant near the Second | the divinity of Christ is particularly at this market, met with a very painful as well as time the great doctrine for which the war serious accident. He was attempting to between Christianity and infidelity is being light a small quantity of powder from a flask | waged. He then proceeded to prove that by means of a burned fire-cracker, when the desus Christ was the son of God by prophe-entire contents of the flack exploded, tearing cy, by the circumstances attending his birth. entire contents of the flask exploded, tearing cy, by the circumstances attending his birth, away the thumb from the hand, and making a by His complete fulfilment of prophecy, by the presence and utterances of angels, by the very ugly, painful, and dangerous wound. It will have to be amputated. Dr. Macgill was words, by His miracles, by the phonomean witnessed at His death, by His glorious recalled in and rendered the necessary surgical

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES AT BETHEL SCHOOL. The teachers and scholars of Bethel school (Mr. Julian P. Thomas principal) gathered around a splendid Christmas-tree at the school-room vesterday, and each one received the Sunday-school scholars, and the singing a present. Before the tree was disposed of there were interesting exercises of about an hour's duration, consisting of reading, reci-tations, songs, &c. "The Young Orator," by Willie O'Dwyer, and "Boys' Rights," by Charlie Anderson, were particularly good. "Gypsy Maid," by Ida Granger; "Driven from Home," by Emma Griffin; "Drunkard's Child," by Misses Bertha Greenwald mas eason, from Joshua: xxiv., 15: "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." In the and Beulah Granger, deserve special mention as being sung with decided sweetness of

alled "Humpty Dumpty," participated in Negative Sermon from the text Luk The feature of the occasion was a piece by Masters Oswald Williams, Williard Brown, Willie Cogbill, Lawrence Holmes, (who took the part of "Humpty Dumpty,") Lawrence Parr. Abraham Cohn, and Misses Ida Granger and Emma Griffin. This play was rendered in a manner that gave eminent

satisfaction to the audience. Among the visitors were Me-srs. Moses and Rady, of the School Board, and Superintendent J. H. Binford. The following was the programme of ex-

"Praise ye the Lord," song, by the school; "Christmas Carol," by Eva Rex; Gypsy Maid," song, by Ida Granger; Reading, by Bertha Greenwald; "Out in the Cold," song, by Eva Rex; "The Old Cottage Clock," by Simon Lazarus; "Mermaid Song," by Emma Griffin and Ida Granger; "Christmas Tree," by Francis Samuels; "Driven from Home," song, by Emma taithfulness. Griffin ; "Drunkard's Child," song, by Bertha Greenwald and Beulah Grauger; "Young Orator," by Willie O'Dwyer;
"Vesper Hymn," by Miss Brown's school; ive. Boys' Rights," by Charlie Anderson; Humpty Dumpty," by Oswald Williams, of Alabama, preached an able and appro-Lawrence Holmes, Lawrence Parr, Abraham

Cohn, Willard Brown, Willie Cogbill, Emma Griffin, Ida Granger. The Bethel school stands deservedly high among the public schools of this city, and great credit is due to the untiring efforts of

the faithful corps of teachers engaged in teaching at this school. TWENTY-FIFTH-STREET CHRISTIAN CHAPEL.

The scholars of this neat little church were handsomely entertained Christinas afternoon with some good speeches and singing, and a whole lot of candies, nuts, &c. The evening was spent pleasantly, and the congregation adjourned with faces beaming and several are yet to be received, there have with happiness and joy.

ST. JOHN'S GERMAN . EVANGELICAL CHURCH. The Sunday-school of this church came together on Sunday night, when, after singing several pretty songs, an address was delivered by the pastor, Edward Huber, after which the distribution of presents to nearly three hundred scholars took place. Happiness and delight reigned supreme among the

ALMSHOUSE-THE JAIL.

The prupers who find a permanent abidingplace at the almshouse and there receive the nospitalities of the city were treated to a Worcester, Mass., stopped at the St. James dinner somewhat better than usual. So fared the inmates of the jail. The latter, however, for it they indicated their desire to see the are not willing to wait for the next Christmas city. They got Mr. Bailard, the clerk, to dinner at the institution. Better homely fare order two saddle horses for them, and the

with liberty, &c. AT THE PENITENTIARY. Colonel Strother, the superintendent of the penitentiary, allowed a somewhat better dinner to the convicts than usual on Christmas. There were no very choice or delicate viands, but the food furnished was substantial and healthful, and entirely satisfactory. Many of the prisoners, who had loving friends at home, received Christmas boxes. They liberally shared the

what the superintendent had provided, they managed to have quite a feast. ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

contents with their friends, and, added to

The annual festival to the parish school children of the Episcopal Church will take place in the lecture-room of St. Paul's hurch on Thursday, the 30th instant, at 12 M. The congregations of the different churches are expected to send in their contributions by 10 o'clock that morning.

CHILDREN OF SIDNEY CHURCH.

Wednesday morning the children of Sidney Methodist church Sunday school will be treated to a dinner by the grown folks. That night and the succeeding night a supper will St. James Hotel. That led Mr. Wright to be served, to which the public are invited. CHANGES IN THE FIRE STAT " .-- Firealarm box No. 7 will to-da-.o-morrow

music at both the solemn masses was very be removed from the old augme-house on Eighteenth street to the new engine-house on Main street between Twentieth and active divine homoge and works are dered this favorite composition. At the of-secribed. For Christ divine homoge and works are dered this favorite composition. At the offertory trey sang the beautiful Christmas and fertory trey sang the beautiful Christmas and for the week ending December 25, 1875:

Lots fronting 24 feet on Baldwin street become of Twenty-fifth and Main streets. CONVICTS RECEIVED .- Sedwick W. Brooks and W. B. Brooks, of Lancaster county,

were prought to the penitentiary Sunday by The ladies of Ashland Baptist church sent Sheriff Thomas A Pinckard and Deputy RESOLUTIONS, EC.

The mission of Christ is not the subject their pastor Rev. J. William Jones, on Christmas eve, a large box full of Christmas eve, a large THE DISPATCH

NO. 155.

CHURCH NOTES.

Richmond people are noted for being a

BROAD-STREET METHODIST CHURCH.

verse: "Ye shall flee, like as ye fled before

the earthquake in the days of Uzziah, king

Mr. Steel stated that we are warranted by

Scripture in connecting earthquakes with

the moral purposes of God; and proceeded

from the earth quake which shook Richmond.

The earthquake should remind us of God's

our atter nothingness before God; third,

it should impress us with the insecurity of

earthly things; fourth, it should admonish

us of the judgments of God; fifth, it should

hevond the reach of all change and trouble

A very large and deeply attentive congregation beard the sermon. Two persons

UNION STATION.

A sermon appropriate to the occasion was

C. Cheatham, who selected as his text a part

of the 424 verse of the 22d chapter of Mat-

thew: "What think ye of Christ; whose son is He?" With no apology for the discussion

surrection and His triumphant ascension to

This excellent and eloquent discourse was

regarded by many as the ablest ever deliv-

The choir was augmented by a number of

OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES.

PRESBYTERIAN.

services were held on Sunday.

At the other Methodist churches the usual

Dr. Hoge preached an elequent sermon

Sunday morning Rev. Dr. Preston preach-

ed from Luke : ii., 15, and at night from I.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH.

In the morning Rev. Dr. W. H. McIntosh,

At night, after preaching, the pastor bap-

GRACE-STREET BAPTIST CHURCH. .

The revival meetings in this church have

continued during the past week with unaba-

ted interest, the pastor (Dr. Hatcher) still

preaching every night. Twenty-four were

others have been received for baptism, a

number have united with other churches.

ing been about one hundred and sixty pro-

fessions of conversion during these meeting .

SEVENTH-STREET CHRISTIAN.

The pastor preached morning and night.

Six persons were received into the fellow-

ship of the church, making thirty-four in all

since the beginning of their recent meeting

TWO GENTLEMEN FROM MASSACHUSETTS ON

THEIR (HORSEBACK) TRAVELS .- Friday morn-

ing two young men, registering themselves

as E. W. Stratton and J. L. Rivers, of

Hotel. After eating breakfast and paying

borses were soon brought around to the

hotel-door from Duke's stable. The young

men, leaving their baggage (a valise) in

care of Mr. Ballard, mounted the steeds and

rode gayly away. Since that time they

Mr. Duke was in great alarm about hi

horses until yesterday morning, when Mr.

Ballard, or Mr. Hoenniger, the proprietor of

Wright, who resides near Dover Mills.

stating that the horses had been left with

him. The young men reached his house

Friday night and craved a night's lodgings

which were accorded them. Next morning

to take a stroll, and off they went, and were

Mr. Duke went after bis borses yesterday

It is said that Stratton and Rivers returned

Whether their exploit was the result of

in undue allowance of Christmas grog or

was something a great deal worse cannot be

easily ascertained. They told Mr. Wright

their names, and that they came from the

write to the St. James, and enabled Mr.

Duke to get upon the track of his missing

The valise of Stratton and Rivers is a

the St. Jam's awaiting the coming of its

CONVEYANCES OF REAL ESTATE.-The fol-

feet on Pine street between D and E for

2425; 66 feet on E street corner of Linden

for \$2 442; 60 feet on L street for \$1,050; 35

fect on G street between Adams and Fon-

stee for \$5,000; 25 feet on Preston street year Eighth for \$000; 25 feet on Preston

lowing is a list of conveyances of real estate

to this city in a cart yesterday morning.

they informed Mr. Wright that they intended

the hotel, received a letter from Mr. W. V.

have not been seen at the hotel.

seen by Mr. Wright no more.

owners.

priate sermon from II. Samuel, xix., 34 -

tized two persons into the fellowship of the

· How long have I to live?"

The meetings still continue.

Sunday morning, appropriate to the Christ-

ered in this church.

was excellent.

scholars.

attended.

church.

were received by certificate.

Rev. S. A. Steel, the pastor, preached at

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Christian race, the conditions of Christian RELIEF AND HEALTH TO YOUR CHILDREN. progress, and the incentives and rewards of Mrs. Winslow's SOOTHING SYBUP for children iclieves the child from pain, invigorates the sto mach At night he preached from I. Corinthians, and b wels, corrects acidly and wind-colic. xv., 35. The sermons were able and effect-LIEBIG'S L'QUID EXTRACT OF BEEF, in pint

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